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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Enclosures.

29th June, 1931.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letters of the 23rd and 24th instant enclosing your freeboard report together with a plan, in triplicate, showing the Owners' proposals with regard to the alterations necessary to enable the S.S. "NAUSICAA" to take advantage of the deeper loading for tankers under the provisions of the Loadline Convention, and with regard thereto I have to inform you that the Owners' proposals as to the freeing arrangements will be approved, provided the extension of the existing freeing ports in the forward well be increased so that their area shall be not less than 25% of the area of the bulwarks, and provided, in addition, that owing to the height of the sheerstrake above the deck an efficient arrangement of overboard scuppers be provided.

It is observed that the Owners propose that in view of the protection afforded to the forward cargo hatchway by the forecastle deck, the watertight steel covers may be dispensed with, but in view of the deeper loading, and as the after end of the forecastle is open, I have to inform you that Rule XVIII of the Convention, which requires efficient watertight steel

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covers on all hatchways on the freeboard deck, should be complied with.

With regard to the fore and aft gangway, it is noted from your report that there are no stringer angles running fore and aft at the top of the supports. You should see that these are fitted, that the supports are efficiently braced, that the guard rails on the top of the gangway are fitted with at least two rails, and that their stanchions are secured to the steel structure and not merely spiked to the wood platform.

On completion of the required alterations, the freeboards which could be assigned are as follows:-

Tropical Fresh Water freeboard from top of upper deck stringer plate.....	1024 mm.
Fresh Water.....	1182 "
Tropical.....	1182 "
Summer (Centre of disc).....	1340 "
Winter.....	1498 "
Winter North Atlantic.....	1595 "

You should report when all the above alterations have been carried out, and you should also state the thickness of the coamings of the ventilators to the engine and boiler spaces and of the ventilators on the freeboard and superstructure decks.

A fee of £16 should be charged by you in this instance in accordance with the usual practice.



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Two copies of the plan are enclosed herewith, and the remaining copy is being retained in this Office for record.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

A. Murray, Esq.,

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